SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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East Setauket's Brandon Cea Promoted to Chief Petty Officer



<u>Photo:</u> Bandon Cea is joined by friends and family during a ceremony to honor his promotion to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Program on December 13, 2015.



<u>Photo (left to right):</u> Legislator Kara Hahn presents a proclamation to Brandon Cea on December 13, 2015 in honor of this promotion to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Program.

NORTHPORT, NY – Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn joined the family and friends of Brandon Cea of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Program as he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer (CPO), the highest rank within the program. Cea became a sea cadet at age 11 and graduated on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at age 16 as one of the youngest CPOs in the region. The Ward Melville High School junior from East Setauket also becomes one of approximately only 200 CPOs in the nation in a community of over 20,000 sea cadets.

In comments delivered during the ceremony, Legislator Hahn said that "Brandon is

part of a family dedicated to community and country and steeped in tradition and

honor," alluding to his older sister Brianna who became a CPO in 2014.

Legislator Hahn went on to say, "The experience and growth that Brandon has realized

while part of this program will undoubtedly foster an adulthood defined by leadership

and integrity."

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